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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJ: BANZER SPEAKS TO NATION

1. ON NATIONAL RADIO NETWORK ABOUT 11:10 TONIGHT PRESIDENT BANZER SPEAKING IN VERY DETERMINED, EVEN PUGNACIOUS, TONE, MADE STRONG DEFENSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT, ITS AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AS WELL AS OF THE POLITICAL FORMULA INVOLVING THE UNION OF THE FSB AND MNR PARTIES IN THE FPN. HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE SOLID SUPPORT OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO IGNORE ROMOR- MONGERS, WHO HE SAID WERE EXTREMIST AGENTS OF THE LEFT AND OF THE RIGHT.
2. COMMENT: THIS BRIEF ADDRESS FOLLOWED PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENTS LATE IN THE EVENING THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD

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BE MAKING A NATIONWIDE STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE,
AND THIS IN TURN APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REACTION TO
WIDESPREAD AND INSISTENT RUMORS DURING THE EVENING THAT
THE PRESIDENT WOULD RESIGN.
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